

Dear FCC,

I am writing to complain about the lobbyists who want to stop XM Satellite Radio from airing traffic and weather updates for various cities around the country.

I travel 55 miles each way to and from work, traveling through or around Baltimore. Having a satellite radio channel devoted entirely to Baltimore traffic and weather has been a Godsend! It instantly tells me whether I need to change my travel plans by taking a detour if there is a traffic jam or accident on my route.

Prior to XM adding the traffic channels, I had to rely on local Baltimore radio stations to give me this information. And it was a hit and miss deal at best. WBAL Radio (1090 AM) only does traffic every 11 minutes, and then only during morning and afternoon drive times. Often, I need reports during times that aren't considered "drive time," and without XM's Channel 213, the Baltimore Traffic and Weather, I'd have no hope of finding out where the jammed spots are.

Please leave XM's traffic and weather channels alone. They provide a service which is unavailable from any other source on radio, and are invaluable to me. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Bob Bogart